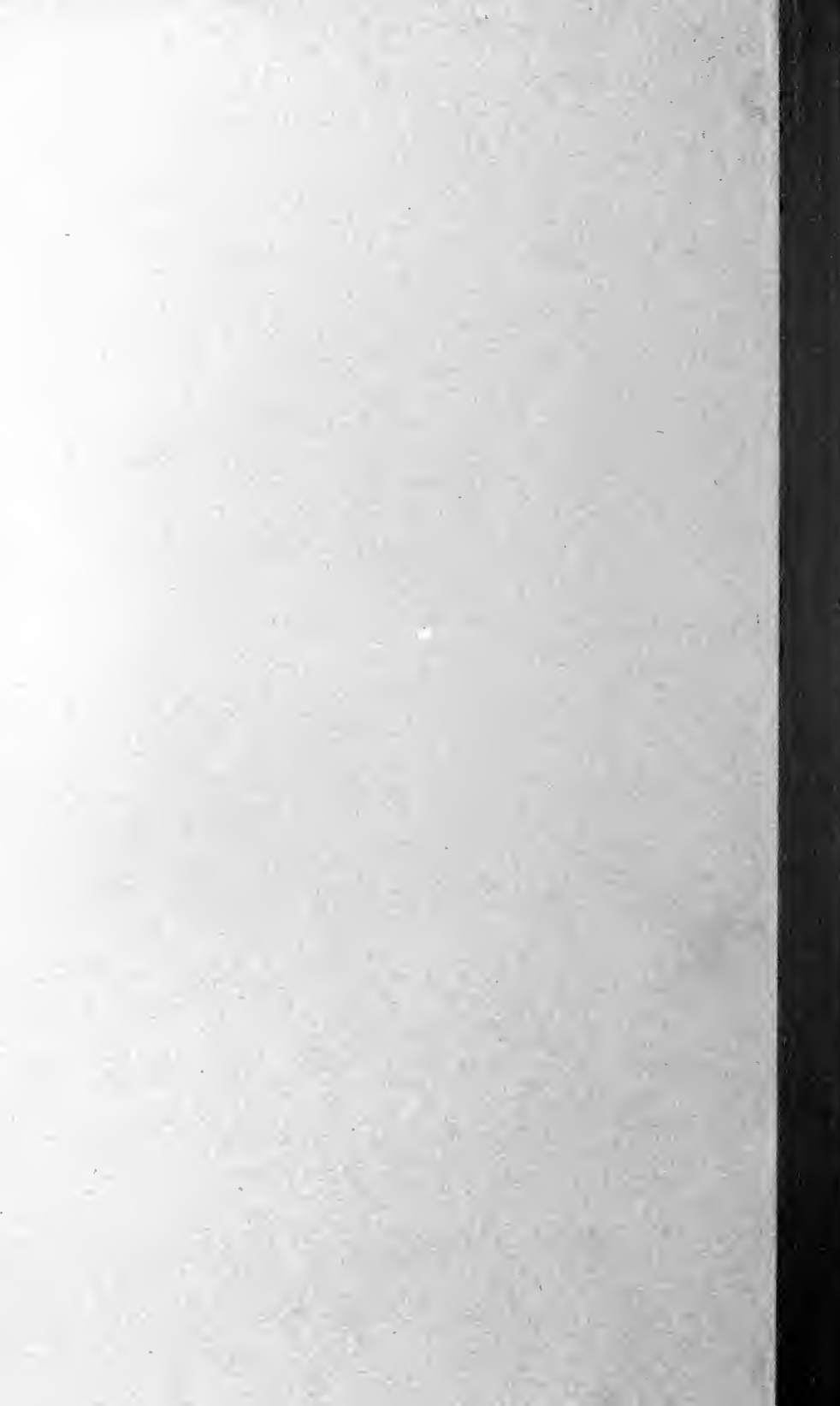


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STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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Second Assistant Librarian — Isabel Durrie (catalogue department).

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Hon. J. M. Rusk, governor; Hon. E. G. Timme, secretary of state; Hon. H. B. Harshaw, state treasurer, and Hon. Alex. Mitchell, life-director.

CURATORS, ELECTIVE.

For one year — James D. Butler, LL. D., Hon. Buell E. Hutchinson, Hon. John D. Gurnee, N. B. Van Slyke, Gen. Chandler P. Chapman, Hon. H. H. Giles, Prof. J. B. Parkinson, Hon. Geo. B. Burrows, Hon. John A. Johnson, President John Bascom, LL. D., Prof. John C. Freeman, LL. D., and, Lyman C. Draper, LL. D.

For two years — Gen. G. P. Delaplaine, Hon. Romanzo Bunn, Hon. S. U. Pinney, Dr. Joseph Hobbins, Hon. E. W. Keyes, Hon. Samuel D. Hastings

George Raymer, Hon. Mortimer M. Jackson, Samuel Klauber, Hon. J. C. Gregory, Hon. Philo Dunning and Hon. Frank A. Flower.

For three years — Gen. Lucius Fairchild, J. H. Carpenter, LL. D., Hon. B. J. Stevens, Prof. Wm. F. Allen, Hon. A. B. Braley, Maj. F. W. Oakley, W. A. P. Morris, Wayne Ramsay, A. H. Main, Maj. Charles G. Mayers, M. R. Doyon and Prof. W. H. Rosenstengel.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The president, vice-presidents, corresponding and recording secretaries, treasurer, librarian, curators, the governor, the secretary of state, the state treasurer and life directors of the society constitute the executive committee, and the following standing committees are sub-committees thereof:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Library—Thwaites, Butler, Allen, Chapman and Durrie; *ex-officio*—Rusk, Timme and Harshaw.

Finance—Van Slyke, Chapman, Morris, Doyon and Ramsay.

Auditing Accounts—Hastings, Stevens, Mayers, Main and Flower.

Printing and Publication—Thwaites, Draper, Butler, Atwood and Raymer; *ex-officio*—Timme and Harshaw.

Art Gallery and Cabinet—Hobbins, Fairchild, Delaplaine, Burrows and Flower.

Contributions and Endowments—Fairchild, Johnson, Keyes, Burrows and Oakley.

Literary Exchanges—Durrie, Braley, Freeman, Allen and Rosenstengel.

Natural History—Parkinson, Burrows, Gregory, Bunn and Burdick.

Historical Narratives—Orton, Pinney, Giles, Braley and Carpenter.

Nomination of Members—Jackson, Giles, Main, Freeman and Klauber.

Pre-Historic Antiquities and Indian History—Butler, Rice, Dunning, Johnson and Raymer.

Obituaries—Atwood, Jackson, Pinney, Parkinson and Braley.

THIRTY- FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin was held in the library reading rooms of the society, in the capitol, Thursday evening, January 6, 1887. Hon. Harlow S. Orton, senior vice-president, occupied the chair, in the absence of President Rice.

SECRETARY DRAPER RESIGNS.

Lyman C. Draper, LL. D., who had been corresponding secretary of the society since its re-organization — January 1, 1854 — read the following letter:

MADISON, Jan. 6, 1887. — *To the officers and members of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin:* — GENTLEMEN: Thirty-four years ago I began to serve the Historical Society, thirty-three of which as secretary and editor of its publications. During this long period, whatever may have been my other shortcomings, I have not missed a single meeting of the society or of the executive committee. When I entered on this service I had not the remotest idea of making it, in any sense, my life-work. I only intended it a sort of secondary consideration. As early as 1834 I had commenced gathering facts and materials for border history and biography. I spent several months, during successive years, in traveling over the western and south western states in the prosecution of these collections, so that when I came to Madison in 1852 I had accumulated thousands of manuscripts and historical statements. I delayed putting them into book form, save in a single instance, the better to perfect my materials; but, while I accomplished something to this end, our civil war came upon us, which made so much new history, so startling and overshadowing in its character, as, in comparison, to greatly belittle the matter I had undertaken. Yet so much of our unwritten border history had been brought together, that it seemed a pity to let it remain idle. If left for others to work up after me, they might not always be guided by the best sources of information, which long years of study and personal intercourse with surviving pioneers had enabled me to determine as most reliable.

For several years after our internecine struggle, the popular histories and biographies of the period were largely confined to works on the war; and, to a considerable extent, that class of literature still continues to monopolize the book trade. These considerations have contributed from time to time, to postpone my special labors.

I never, however, regarded the effort of building up a society like ours, in a new state, as an unimportant labor; and I thus became gradually more and more interested in the work, until now, in my seventy-second year, I begin to realize, if I am ever to utilize the materials I have been over half a century in gathering, I have no time to lose. I anxiously wish to do what I can in this direction while I have sufficient life and vitality remaining.

After a third of a century's labors for the society, I feel that I have a just claim to an honorable retirement; not to spend the remnant of my days in ease and idleness, but to accomplish certain ends, which, I venture to flatter myself, are not entirely unimportant in filling gaps in our country's history.

It is better for the society's interests that I should retire from the increasing labors of the secretaryship while in life, than I may impart to my successor whatever experiences my thirty-three years' incumbency in the office may have given me; trusting and believing, too, that a younger man, devoting his entire energies to the position, will impart new life and increased success to all the departments of the society.

Two years since, anticipating that the time would soon come when it would be necessary for me to withdraw from the society's service, I felt grateful that I was authorized to nominate an assistant, so that he might gradually be inducted into the duties of the secretaryship. You kindly approved and confirmed my selection without a dissenting voice. I felt the responsibility of the occasion, and therefore took unusual pains in choosing the most suitable person within the circle of my acquaintance. Ever since the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Thwaites for the position of assistant secretary he has rendered me important aid and has spent much time in studying the duties and workings of the office.

How much wiser and better, you can all see, has been this procedure — this preparatory schooling — than for me to have clung to the office till death should overtake me; and then, perhaps, amidst a scramble for the place, the society would run the risk of selecting some person with no special taste or fitness for the office.

The time has come for me to decline being a candidate for re-election. This decision has been taken with due deliberation and must be regarded as fixed and unchangeable.

In retiring from your service, I have to thank the society for its long-continued kindness and confidence extended to me — a kindness and confidence, I may venture to say, I have conscientiously endeavored to recognize and repay in earnest efforts and labors for its growth and prosperity.

It is no small gratification to me to feel assured that the laboring oar of the society's success will fall into hands so competent by his culture, his tastes, his industry and his habits, as the gentleman you have approved, and whom you will, I doubt not, choose as my successor. I earn-

estly entreat for him your confidence and encouragement, and devoutly pray the Good Father to spare him many years, that he may honor himself by faithful and successful labors for the society.

Very respectfully,

LYMAN C. DRAPER.

On motion of Gen. David Atwood the communication was referred to a select committee, to take action and report later, consisting of General Atwood, Gen. Simeon Mills and Prof. J. B. Parkinson.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer A. H. Main submitted his annual report — the substance of which is embodied in the report of the executive committee. It having been previously acted upon by the auditing committee, it was adopted.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Secretary Draper, in behalf of the executive committee, submitted the following annual report, which was adopted:

In submitting the thirty-third annual report of the progress and condition of the society, it is pleasant to note that more than usual success has attended the labors and accumulations of the past year.

FINANCIAL CONDITION — GENERAL FUND.

The receipts into the General Fund have been the state annual appropriation of \$5,000, which, added to the balance in the treasury as per last report, made \$5,005.71; and the expenditures \$5,163.90, showing an overpayment of \$158.19.

THE BINDING FUND.

This fund was a year ago reported as having reached the amount of \$14,183.31, beside the Texas section of land, the Taylor bequest, and several pledges in the form of notes, payable one-third annually until paid.

Since the last report, the fund has been augmented as follows: Donations received from Hon. Alexander Mitchell, \$150; Hon. Philetus Sawyer, Hon. George W. Childs, and

Peter D. Armour, \$100 each; Hon. B. J. Stevens, Samuel Marshall, Hon. John F. Potter, and Daniel Stone, \$50 each; Hon. James Sutherland, \$33.34; Hon. John L. Mitchell, Matthew Wadleigh, and Edwin Hale Abbot, \$25 each; Hon. Enoch Chase, J. M. Pereles, I. J. Pereles, Hon. David Wells, Jr., and Hon. William E. Cramer, \$20 each; Hon. John Black, \$15; Hon. M. L. Martin, and Mason G. Smith, \$10 each; Hon. A. A. Arnold, \$5.50; Hon. J. H. Rountree, W. D. Whitney, and R. L. Harris, \$5 each; contribution from Librarians' entertainment fund, \$2.50. Total, \$916.34.

From life memberships: Howard Morris, Hon. Horace Chase, W. C. Todd, R. G. Thwaites, George Raymer, Hon. R. M. La Follette, Hon. W. P. Lyon, Simon Gratz, H. Steensland, and Miss S. M. Williamson, \$20 each; collected interest from investments, \$904.61; duplicates sold, \$628.26; local membership fees, \$308; rent of Texas land, \$10; making a grand total of collections of the year for the Binding Fund, \$2,967.21—nearly double the amount of any former year.

These additions to the amount reported last year foot up.....	\$17,150 52
Add the 640 acres of Texas land, now valued at \$2.50 per acre.	1,600 00
Taylor bequest not yet available.....	1,000 00
Notes given for the fund.....	641 66
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	\$20,392 18

The notes referred to, have been given by the following persons, payable one-third annually — Lyman C. Draper, \$300; Hon. John A. Rice, \$100; Hon. B. J. Stevens, \$100; Hon. James Sutherland, \$66.66; Hon. H. S. Orton, \$50; and James S. Buck, \$25.

Thus, it will be seen that the Binding Fund, after twenty years' persistent efforts, has at length attained the amount fixed on, before commencing to draw upon its income for binding purposes. It is a consummation long devoutly wished for, and for which the society may well felicitate itself. As the Library is steadily increasing in books, pamphlets and newspaper files, at the rate of four to five thousand a year so should the Binding Fund be augmented accordingly, to meet growing binding needs of the society.

It is to be hoped, however, that no more special appeals may be necessary for the enlargement of this fund; but that some

portion of each year's income may be left to be added to the principal, and that a portion of the sources of revenue, which have so largely aided in its past growth, may still be used for its augmentation.

It is recommended, that out of the income of the Binding Fund for 1887, not to exceed \$250 be appropriated for the binding needs of the society for the present year, to be used under the direction of the library committee.

The several donors, with the aggregate amount of their contributions, together with other accessions going to make up the fund, have been as follows:

Hon. Alexander Mitchell..	\$1,000 00	Hon. J. G. Thorp.....	20 00
Hon. Cyrus Woodman	350 00	Hon. D. K. Tenney.....	20 00
Hon. C. C. Washburn.....	300 00	Hon. M. M. Jackson.....	20 00
Samuel Marshall.....	300 00	Hon. John A. Johnson...	20 00
Hon. Philetus Sawyer.....	300 00	Wayne Ramsay.....	20 00
Rev. R. M. Hodges, D. D. .	140 00	Howard Morris.....	20 00
Hon. James Sutherland...	108 34	Hon. H. Ludington.....	20 00
Hon. John Catlin.....	100 00	W. C. Todd.....	20 00
Hon. G. W. Allen.....	100 00	Hon. Daniel Wells, Jr...	20 00
Charles Fairchild.....	100 00	Hon. Enoch Chase.....	20 00
Hon. Andrew Proudfit	100 00	Hon. Wm. E. Cramer.....	20 00
Hon. John F. Potter.....	100 00	R. G. Thwaites.....	20 00
Hon. George W. Childs ...	100 00	George Raymer.....	20 00
Peter D. Armour.....	100 00	R M Pereles.....	20 00
Hon. B. J. Stevens.....	70 00	I. J. Pereles.....	20 00
Hon. Stephen Taylor.....	50 00	"A Friend".....	20 00
Hon. James T. Lewis. . . .	50 00	Hon. R. M. La Follette..	20 00
Col. Richard Dunbar.....	50 00	Hon. W. P. Lyon.....	20 00
Terrill Thomas	50 00	S mon Gratz.....	20 00
Gen. J. J. Guppy.....	50 00	Halle Steensland.....	20 00
Hon. M. H. Carpenter.....	50 00	Mrs. C. J. Catlin.....	20 00
Hon. G. W. Bradford.....	50 00	Hon. John Black.....	15 00
Hon. John A. Rice.....	50 00	Hon. Philo White.....	12 50
W. H. Metcalf.....	50 00	Hon. George H. Paul....	10 00
Gen. John Lawler.....	50 00	Hon. Morgan L. Martin..	10 00
Daniel Stone.....	50 00	Mason G. Smith.....	10 00
Hon. Horace Chase.....	40 00	Hon. A. A. Arnold.....	5 50
S. Alofsen.....	25 00	Miss Clara M. Stevens...	5 00
Hon. John Johnston.....	25 00	Mrs. L. M. Thomas.....	5 00
H. M. Wadleigh.....	25 00	George Plumer Smith....	5 00
Matthew Wadleigh.....	25 00	Gen. John H. Rountree..	5 00
Hon. John L. Mitchell....	25 00	W. D. Whitney.....	5 00
Edwin Hale Abbot.....	25 00	Robert L. Harris.....	5 00
W. B. Champion.....	20 00	Balance of Librarians' En-	
T. Laidler.....	20 00	tertainment	2 50
Col. Thomas Reynolds....	20 00	W. F. Sanders.....	2 00
Gen. C. P. Chapman.....	20 00	Hon. George Gary.....	2 00
Hon. R. H. Baker.....	20 00	J. B. Holbrook.....	2 00
Hon. Gerrit Smith.....	20 00	C. M. Thurston.....	1 50
Hon. Wm. Plocker.....	20 00	Hon. E. N. Foster.....	1 50
Hon. E. D. Holton.....	20 00	F. T. Haseltine.....	1 00
J. H. Carpenter, LL. D....	20 00	H. M. Nicholson.....	1 00
Col. C. C. G. Thornton....	20 00	Hon. A. S. McDill.....	75
Maj. F. W. Oakley.....	20 00		

SUMMARY.

Donations	\$4,755 59
Collected interest, 1867-1886.....	7,063 99
Duplicates sold, 1867-1886	3,686 59
Membership fees, net, 1867-1886	1,620 45
Rent of Texas land, 1884-1886.....	23 90
Total.....	\$17,150 52

The annual increase of the Binding Fund since its inception in 1867 is shown by the following table:

DATE.	Increase.	Total.	DATE.	Increase.	Total.
January, 1867		\$100 00	January, 1878	\$795 10	\$5,595 51
January, 1868	\$8 10	108 10	January, 1879	928 98	6,524 49
January, 1869	64 63	172 73	January, 1880	920 73	7,445 22
January, 1870	195 79	368 52	January, 1881	888 67	8,333 89
January, 1871	89 55	458 07	January, 1882	1,033 56	9,367 45
January, 1872	198 31	656 38	January, 1883	912 51	10,279 96
January, 1873	173 43	829 81	January, 1884	1,134 25	11,414 21
January, 1874	973 78	1,803 59	January, 1885	1,201 62	12,615 83
January, 1875	921 02	2,724 61	January, 1886	1,567 48	14,183 31
January, 1876	1,343 82	4,068 43	January, 1887	2,967 21	17,150 52
January, 1877	731 98	4,800 41			

Now that the Binding Fund is practically made up, a new fund is suggested, to be called the Antiquarian Fund. It is often the case that when some desirable object connected with the antiquities or history of Wisconsin is presented for our consideration, the book wants of the library are so pressing, that the new offering, however much we might desire to obtain it, is necessarily refused or put off to some more convenient season, and thus forever lost to our collection, where all such Wisconsin gatherings should be brought together. But if we had a special fund for this purpose, then we could readily avail ourselves of such opportunities, thus increasing the utility of the society, and promoting the cause of antiquarian research. The American Antiquarian Society, of Worcester, Mass., has had a fund of many years' standing, called in part the Research Fund; yet our field of antiquities is far richer than any to be found in New England.

We can set apart for an Antiquarian Fund whatever donations may come to the society, not especially designated for other purposes, together with a portion of the other sources of income, which have heretofore been assigned to the binding fund. It is not necessary to fix, in advance, the limit of this fund before beginning to use its income, or a portion of it. We can wisely leave this to time and circumstances to determine.

The tenth volume of the Society's collections, which has proved far more difficult in its preparation than any former one, beside the labor of making a general index for the whole series, has been delayed far beyond our expectations. It will, however, be pushed to early completion.

It is recommended that the salary of the second assistant librarian, Miss Durrie, be increased \$200 a year. Her seventeen years of faithful services, with only one small increase of salary during that period, well entitles her to this acknowledgment, regretting that the general fund of the society is so limited, and the demands upon it so numerous, as not to warrant a more liberal recognition.

There is everywhere among thoughtful men a reverence for great collections of books — the embodiment of the best thoughts, and the congregated wisdom and knowledge of all ages of the world. We must disabuse ourselves of the idea that these great book accumulations can ever be made complete, or even sufficient for their purpose. Just think of it—the public libraries of this country are estimated to aggregate nearly, if not quite, fourteen millions of volumes; and yet not one of these collections is able to meet a tithe of the demands upon it for recorded knowledge. Investigations of every conceivable nature are being prosecuted in this inquisitive age to their utmost extent—limited only for want of additional sources of research.

And thus it is that all public libraries that desire to keep pace with the advancing progress of knowledge and civilization, keenly realize their need of larger pecuniary resources to increase their collections and enhance their usefulness. We should not always look to the State for any considerable amount of aid —nor, indeed, for any assistance

after the society can secure proper endowments for its independent maintenance. Children, in their helpless infancy, require parental care and support; but, as they reach the period of manhood, they are very properly taught to take care of themselves. So with public libraries, fostered in their weakness by state aid, when they attain the age of maturity, they should seek for means of support, not merely for their immediate needs, but for their steady expansion in all the departments of history, literature and art.

Let it never for a moment be forgotten that all great success in this direction must come, not from the doling out of reluctant state appropriations; but from generous gifts from wise and considerate men and women. Our society must look forward hopefully for such liberal-hearted persons in Wisconsin to place it in position for largely increased usefulness.

Experience is the best teacher in the founding and progress of public libraries. When Sir Hans Sloane, in 1753, bequeathed his fifty thousand volumes of books and MSS. to the British nation, he little dreamed of the magnificent proportions to which the British Museum was destined to attain in the ensuing one hundred and thirty years. While it has had the aid and encouragement of the government, much of its splendid collections has been largely the result of private munificence. Kings have added their royal libraries, while other noble contributions found their way to its shelves — such as the Harleian MSS., consisting of over 7,600 volumes, and numbering 40,000 documents; the Cottonian MSS., embracing upwards of 20,000 articles, among which is the original of the *Magna Charter* — the foundation of British constitutional freedom, wrung by the sturdy barons from the reluctant King John, in 1215; the Lansdowne MSS., consisting of 1,245 volumes; the valuable Grenville library, bequeathed, in 1846, as an acknowledgment by the testator of the income derived from a government sinecure — an almost unparalleled instance where means thus obtained subsequently returned to the nation with ample interest.

Such generous gifts, supplemented by the steady backing

of the British government, have combined to swell the library of the British Museum, in the course of one hundred and thirty years, to over a million and a half of volumes — second only to the great National Library of France, which looms up to two millions and three hundred thousand volumes.

Not the British Museum alone points to private generosity for its foundation and prosperity; but the National Gallery, University of London, Victoria University, the Royal Society, and many other noble institutions of Great Britain and continental Europe as well.

In our own country, the great Library of Congress dates the inception of its rehabilitation, after its destruction by the torch of war in 1814, to the noble private library of Jefferson, and now it numbers well-nigh three-quarters of a million of volumes. The Boston Public Library, with its 500,000 volumes; Harvard College, with its 375,000 volumes; Astor Library, with its 225,000 volumes; the Library Company, of Philadelphia, the child of Franklin, with its 150,000 volumes; Yale College, with its 130,000 volumes—all, save in part the Boston Public Library, are the product of private benefactions.

To the munificence of one man, and he not an American, we are indebted for the Smithsonian Institution; and to the noble generosity of the Astors, Lenox, Newberry and other public benefactors, the American people owe a debt of gratitude, more sincere and more enduring than all the monuments of stone or marble that could possibly be reared to their memories. Two men, hitherto unknown to fame, have recently bequeathed to Harvard University nine hundred thousand dollars.

We want more such far-seeing, large-hearted friends of the human race. Our own society stands in pressing need of such benefactors. Compared with most of the great public libraries of the old and the new world, ours is yet in its infancy. It is occupying apartments not its own, and their use grudgingly accorded to it, and which are too contracted to subserve its purposes scarcely a single generation. It has only one endowed fund after twenty years' persistent

efforts to secure it. We need a large General Fund, so as to cease being a pauper on the state treasury; we need a special fund, the income of which to be devoted to historic investigations, and the procurement of historical manuscripts and other rarities. Above all, we need a large-hearted friend, with a clear foresight of the Society's future growth and needs, to provide for it an ample hall, with every facility for its comfort and usefulness, and every protection possible for the safety of its inestimable treasures. Such a friend and benefactor would not only confer a great and lasting public favor, but would deservedly embalm his name and memory in the hearts of the people.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS.

The library additions for the year have been 2,575 volumes, of which 1,831 were by purchase and 744 by donation and binding of newspaper files; and 2,935 pamphlets have been received, 2,132 of which were by donation, 493 by purchase, and 310 made from newspaper and magazine clippings — making an increase of books and pamphlets, 5,510.

Of the book additions, 42 were of folio size, and 180 quartos — increasing the number of folios in the library to 4,899 and the quartos to 5,091, and both together to 9,990. We can best realize the strength of the library by citing that of a few of the departments: Bound newspaper files, 4,942; British and American patent reports, 4,561; genealogy and heraldry, 1,039; Shakesperean literature, 892; maps and atlases, 972.

Among these book acquisitions a few may be specially mentioned: A series of 43 rare works on bibliography; *Annales de la Propagation de la Foix*, 53 volumes, 8vo; Abbe Prevost's *Historie General des Voyages*, 1749-61, 64 volumes; Flassan's *History of French Diplomacy*, Paris, 1811, 7 volumes; Thevenot's *Travels in Foreign Parts*, in German, 2 volumes, 4to, 1682; *New Annual Register*, 1805-28, 23 volumes; Herrera's *General History of America*, London, 1772-76, 6 volumes; Milman's *History of Latin Christianity*, 8 volumes; *Nautical Magazine and Naval Chronicle*, London, 1832-54, 23

volumes; *Mirror of Literature*, 18 volumes, to complete our set; *Boydell's Shakespeare*, 9 folio volumes, and 96 other rare works on *Shakespeareana*; reprint of *Lescarbot's Histoire de la Nouvelle France*, 3 volumes; *Arber's First Three English Books on America*, 1511-55, translated from the writings of *Mastrie*, *Munster* and *Cabot*, *Birmingham*, 1885, 4to; *L'Intermediare*, Paris, 1864-85, 18 volumes, an antiquarian work of the same character as the *Notes and Queries*, of London.

But the great accession to the library for the past year, or, indeed, for many years, is the superb copy of *Lord Kingsborough's* magnificent work on the *Antiquities of Mexico*, with colored fac-similes of ancient Mexican paintings and hieroglyphics, London, 1831-48, 9 volumes imperial folio. Only 150 sets of this invaluable work were published, which impoverished its noble patron, and, after expending \$150,000 on the publication, he died in prison, refusing to liquidate the bill of an extortionate paper-maker. For this great and rare work our society is under lasting obligations to its generous president, *Hon. John A. Rice*.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS — SUMMARY.

American patents	26	English literature.....	76
British patents	88	Religious history, etc.....	117
American history and travel....	70	Education.....	12
American local history.....	63	Science	78
American revolutionary war history.....	2	Drama	24
American Indians.....	14	Directories.....	37
State histories and documents ..	136	Almanacs and registers.....	47
United States documents and surveys	267	Voyages and travels.....	113
Slavery and civil war.....	10	Bound newspaper files.....	134
Canada	23	Atlases.....	9
Magazines and reviews	308	Shakespeareana	153
Historical and learned societies.	25	Fine arts.....	11
American biography.....	40	Law	12
Foreign biography.....	30	Politics and government	16
Genealogy and heraldry.....	26	Medical.....	103
Foreign history.....	123	G. Britain, biography.....	94
Antiquities and archaeology ..	22	Foreign literature	16
Great Britain, history.....	67	Secret societies.....	4
Cyclopedias and dictionaries....	19	Coin and currency.....	14
Language and philology.....	29	Miscellaneous	18
Bibliography.....	83		
Social science	16		
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PROGRESSIVE LIBRARY INCREASE.

The past and present condition of the Library is shown in the following table:

DATE.	Volumes added.	Documents and Pamphlets.	Both together.	Total in Library.
1854, Jan. 1.....	50	50	50
1855, Jan. 2.....	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,050
1856, Jan. 1.....	1,065	2,000	3,065	5,115
1857, Jan. 6.....	1,005	300	1,305	6,420
1858, Jan. 1.....	1,024	959	1,983	8,403
1859, Jan. 4.....	1,107	500	1,607	10,010
1860, Jan. 3.....	1,800	723	2,523	12,533
1861, Jan. 2.....	837	1,134	1,971	14,504
1862, Jan. 2.....	610	711	1,321	15,825
1863, Jan. 2.....	544	2,373	2,917	18,742
1864, Jan. 2.....	248	356	604	19,346
1865, Jan. 3.....	520	226	746	20,092
1866, Jan. 2.....	368	806	1,174	21,266
1867, Jan. 3.....	923	2,811	3,734	25,000
1868, Jan. 4.....	5,462	1,043	6,505	31,505
1869, Jan. 1.....	2,838	682	3,520	35,025
1870, Jan. 4.....	923	6,240	7,163	42,188
1871, Jan. 3.....	1,970	1,372	3,342	45,530
1872, Jan. 2.....	1,211	3,789	5,000	50,530
1873, Jan. 2.....	2,166	1,528	3,694	54,224
1874, Jan. 2.....	1,852	1,178	3,030	57,254
1875, Jan. 2.....	1,945	1,186	3,131	60,385
1876, Jan. 4.....	2,851	1,764	4,615	65,000
1877, Jan. 2.....	2,820	2,336	5,156	70,156
1878, Jan. 2.....	1,818	5,090	6,908	77,064
1879, Jan. 5.....	2,214	1,827	4,041	81,105
1880, Jan. 6.....	2,050	3,027	5,077	86,182
1881, Jan. 3.....	1,884	2,707	4,591	90,773
1882, Jan. 3.....	2,741	1,486	4,227	95,000
1883, Jan. 2.....	2,856	2,333	5,189	100,189
1884, Jan. 2.....	1,983	2,496	4,479	104,668
1885, Jan. 2.....	2,546	1,845	4,391	109,059
1886, Jan. 7.....	2,130	1,968	4,098	113,157
1887, Jan. 6.....	2,574	2,935	5,509	118,666
Total	57,935	60,731	118,666	

MS. HISTORICAL NARRATIVES RECEIVED.

A paper on The French Fortifications near the Mouth of the Wisconsin, by Prof. James D. Butler, LL. D.

Tay-che-bo-rah—the Four Lake Country, by Dr. J. D. Butler.

Notes on the Black Hawk War, by Hon. Peter Parkinson, Jr.

Col. Henry Gratiot — a Pioneer of Wisconsin, by Hon. E. B. Washburne.

Early Wisconsin Exploration and Settlement, by Hon. James Sutherland.

French Fort at Prairie du Chien a Myth, by C. W. Butterfield.

Autograph Collections of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution, by Lyman C. Draper.

Sketch of Dr. O. M. Conover, by Hon. Orsamus Cole.

Sketch of Dr. Conover, by Rev. C. H. Richards, D. D.

Sketch of Hon. Andrew Proudfit, by Hon. B. J. Stevens.

Narrative on the Wisconsin and Sauk Indians, in 1834, by Rev. Cutting Marsh.

Sketch of Peter D. Hugunin, a Wisconsin Pioneer, by Henry M. Hugunin.

Bound Newspaper Files.—The following additions indicate their number and the period of their publication:

	Year.	Vols.
St. Dominique <i>Moniteur General</i>	1791-93	3
Salem, Massachusetts, <i>Gazette</i>	1812	1
Hudson, New York, <i>Balance and Reportory</i>	1803, 06	2
Philadelphia <i>Literary Gazette</i>	1821	1
New Haven, Connecticut, <i>Religious Intelligencer</i>	1822-35	9
New York <i>Plain Dealer</i>	1836-42	1
Windsor, Vermont, <i>Citizen Soldier</i>	1840-41	1
New York <i>Independent</i>	1867-69	1
<i>Our Continent</i>	1882	1
Chicago <i>Scandinavian</i>	1882-84	1
Washington, D. C., <i>National Tribune</i>	1883-84	1
Washington <i>Congressional Record</i>	1884-85	4
United States Patent Office <i>Gazette</i>	1885-86	5
New York <i>Amusement Gazette</i> ...	1885-86	1
Chicago <i>Times</i>	1886	4
Chicago <i>Tribune</i>	1886	4
New York <i>Tribune</i>	1886	2
New York <i>World</i>	1886	2
Wisconsin Newspapers.....	1883-86	90
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Of the newspaper additions, three volumes were published in the eighteenth century, and the remainder in the present century. Of the seventeenth century, our bound files now number 76 volumes; of the eighteenth century, 536 volumes; of the present century, 4,330, making a grand total of 4,942. Of the Revolutionary period, and before, our rich collection may be regarded as almost matchless.

LIST OF PERIODICALS RECEIVED.

Weekly, 5—

Littell's Living Age.....	Boston.
Nation	New York.
Publishers' Weekly	New York.
U. S. Patent Office Gazette	Washington.
Aegis.....	Madison.

Monthly, 15—

North American Review.....	New York.
Magazine of American History.....	New York.
Magazine of Western History.....	Cleveland.
Massachusetts Magazine.....	Boston.
Andover Review.....	Boston.
Library Journal.	New York.
Literary News.....	New York.
Journal of the Franklin Institute.....	Philadelphia.
Bangor Historical Magazine.....	Bangor, Me.
Dial.....	Chicago.
Civil Service Record.....	Boston.
Canadian Patent Office Record.....	Toronto.
Clinique.....	Chicago.
Wisconsin Journal of Education.....	Madison.
Manifesto.....	Shaker Village, N. H.

Bi-Monthly, 2—

American Antiquarian.....	Chicago.
Intermediare	Paris.

Quarterly, 12—

Penn. Magazine of History and Biography	Philadelphia.
Historical and Genealogical Register.....	Boston.
New York Genealogical and Biographical Record.....	New York.
Maine History and Genealogical Recorder	Portland.
Rhode Island Historical Magazine.....	Newport.
Iowa Historical Record.....	Iowa City.
Library Notes.....	Boston.
Canadian Record of Science.....	Montreal.

Proceedings of the Canadian Institute	Toronto.
Canadian Antiquarian and Numismatic Journal.....	Montreal.
Essex Institute Collections.....	Salem, Mass.
African Repository.....	Washington.

Art Gallery.—Photographic portrait of Hon. James Sutherland, life size, taken by Geo. W. Wise, gilt frame, from Mr. Sutherland; cabinet photograph of Mrs. Louisa M. Brayton, first school teacher of Madison, Wis., 1838, from Col. Geo. W. Bird, by R. G. Thwaites; large size photograph of James Bridger, a noted Rocky Mountain explorer and discoverer of the Yellowstone Park, from Mr. Stevenson of the interior department, Washington, D. C.; cabinet photograph of Wm. N. Seymour, an early settler of Madison, Wis., neatly framed, purchased; crayon portrait of Lt. Col. Geo. H. Stevens, of 2d Wis. infantry, killed at Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., July 1, 1863, from his brother Charles A. Stevens, of Shakopee, Minn.; cabinet photograph of Hon. Warren Chase of California, a member of the first and second Wis. Constitutional conventions; cabinet photograph of Silas Chapman of Milwaukee, Wis., from Mr. Chapman; engraved portrait, of DeWitt Clinton, Wm. H. Harrison and James Vick, and a cabinet photograph of Washington and Lincoln, in gilt frames from Mrs. E. M. Williamson, of Madison; lithographed portraits of Richard Dobbs Spaight, Jas. McHenry, Wm. Few and Abraham Clark, and engraved portraits of Josiah Bartlett, Caleb Strong, Patrick Henry and Oliver Ellsworth, from Dr. John S. H. Fogg of Boston, Mass.

An elegant oil portrait of the late Dr. O. M. Conover, painted by J. R. Stuart, fine gilt frame, from his family. There are now in the gallery one hundred and thirty-five oil and crayon paintings.

An oil painting of large cabinet size of F. F. Lydston, a well-known pioneer artist of Milwaukee, painted by himself—presented by Mr. Lydston, through Hon. Frank A. Flower.

CABINET ADDITIONS.

Antiquities and Natural History.—A collection of one hundred and fifty-six blue-stone beads (stone and copper),

found near the Yadkin river, N. C., fifteen feet below the surface, in 1874, presented by J. H. Foot, Delaplane, N. C. Stone war club, brought from Dakota and presented by Hon. J. T. Kingston. Portions of a skeleton, taken from a mound on the south side of Buffalo Lake, near Montello, five feet below the surface, by F. J. Turner, H. B. Newman, Merrill Perkins and L. S. Pease. Three large and fine specimens of coquina stone, from Indian River and the Atlantic coast in Florida, presented by Mrs. Frances E. B. Latham, of Micco, Brevard county, Florida. Specimens of lignite, found on the premises of J. E. Mann, near New Salem, Morton county, Dakota, and petrified wood, from the same place, presented by Mr. Mann. A curious stone formation hoof-shaped, and a collection of twelve small fossils, found near the outlet of Lake Mendota, and a specimen of moss, from Lake Splügen, Switzerland, from Mrs. Jacob Bingel, of Madison, Wis. Sword of saw fish, cow fish, scales of tarpon fish and part of a leaf of the cabbage palmetto, brought from Florida and presented by O. W. Thornton, of Madison, Wis. Small specimen of coral, from Rockbridge, Richland county, Wis., from M. H. B. Cunningham, of Rockbridge, Wis. Specimen of what is known as trap-door spider's nest, made of clay, from Los Angeles, Cal., from H. W. Lovejoy. Two stone axes, grooved, a small copper ax one and three-quarters inches wide by five inches long, a copper spear three and a half inches long, and fragments of pottery, from Stockbridge, Wis., together with a foot of a lynx, from Miss J. E. Marsh. Lower jaw of, probably, an Indian, and an iron knife with a wooden handle, found in a mound in Muskegon, Mich., near Lake Michigan, from F. H. Varney, of Muskegon.

Autographs and Manuscripts.—Sermon preached by Rev. George Wells, 11th regiment of Wisconsin volunteers, after the assault on Fort Blakeley, April, 1865, from Capt. W. S. McCready, of Black Hawk, Wis.; letter of Richard Claiborne, of Richmond, Va., Feb. 28, 1781; of F. B. Carpenter, artist, Dec. 12, 1853; Thomas C. Amory, Boston, Aug. 14, 1858; Joseph Henry, LL. D., of Smithsonian Institution, July 2, 1849; Gideon Hawley, LL. D., Albany, N. Y., April 14, 1852; Wm.

Allibone, Jr., Philadelphia, Dec. 17, 1812; Prof. Ebenezer Emmons, Albany, April 16, 1845; Prof. Jas. Hall, Albany, N. Y., May 31, 1849; B. F. Hallett, Boston, Mass., Dec. 3, 1853; Chief Justice Thos. S. Williams, Hartford, Ct., Nov. 26, 1853; Geo. W. Kendall, Santa Fe, Feb. 3, 1861; Dr. T. R. Beck, Albany, N. Y., July, 1841; Nicholas Biddle, Philadelphia, May 13, 1833; Gov. John Davis, Washington, D. C., Jan. 15, 1838, purchased; letter of Mrs. Sarah Bracken, wife of Charles Bracken, Cynthiana, Ky., July 21, 1832, to Mary J. McKown, of Pittsburg, Pa., referring to Mr. Bracken's experience at the battle of Peckatonica, in the Black Hawk war, from R. G. Thwaites; letter of Dr. I. A. Lapham, July 15, 1854, to L. J. Farwell, on the organizing of a Natural History Society of Wisconsin, from Frank F. Proudfit; medical diploma of Dr. Harmon Van Duzen, from Onondaga County, (N. Y.) Medical Society, Dec. 1, 1826, from Wisconsin State Medical Society; copies of muster rolls of a company of artillery under command of Lieut. Porter Hanks, in the regiment of the U. S. army commanded by Col. Henry Burbank, at Michilemackinac, Mich., from Sept. 30, 1811, to April 30, 1812, from Capt. D. H. Kelton, U. S. A., Cantonment Uncompahgre, Colo.; original records of the organization of the town of Milwaukee, Sept. 7, 1835, to May 3, 1837, relative to election of town and county officers, etc., from Jas. S. Buck, Milwaukee; letter of Hon. Thos. F. Bayard, Washington, D. C., July 19, 1886, from Hon. F. A. Flower; *fac simile* of Gen. Lewis Cass' letter to river and harbor improvement convention, 1848, from E. M. Hugunin; signature of Lieut. Jas. B. Lockwood, of 23d U. S. Infantry, to a ration return, October, 1880, at Uncompahgre, Colo., who died at Camp Clay, Grinnel Land, in arctic region, April 9, 1884; warranty deed of lands on the Mohawk river, in the county of Albany, N. Y., on parchment, dated Sept. 19, 1764, from Jacob, Arent, Victore and Cornelius Potman to Mary Bowen, from Nich. Smith, of Janesville, Wis.; autograph letters, signed, of Richard Stockton and James Madison, purchased; MSS. journal of an overland journey from Madison, Wis., to California in 1849, by A. E. Brooks, in a quarto blank book, deposited by Mr. Brooks; an autograph document, signed, of John Hart,

of New Jersey, a signer of the declaration of Independence, rare and valuable, from Gen. Wm. S. Stryker, Trenton, New Jersey.

Coins, Currency and Medals.—Altered bank notes of Sauk City Bank, and Bank of Eau Claire—bills raised and passed by Lawrence Smith and one Hollenberg, at Wausau, Wis., in February, 1859, who were arrested in attempting to escape, by J. C. Clarke, sheriff of Marathon county, Wis., from Mr. Clarke; two dollar note of State Bank of Elizabethtown, N. J., May 2, 1837, from J. F. Hubbard, Plainfield, N. J.; one skilling Danske, 1771, copper, and one Bank of Montreal bank token, 1842, from Mrs. S. Lampman, West Bend, Iowa; silver medal "Liberty enlightening the world," and gold medal "New York and Brooklyn bridge," from Byron Andrews, New York.

Indian Curiosities.—Indian war club, carved work, said to have been used in the Black Hawk war; an Indian flute; painted wooden mask, brought from the northwest coast near Columbia river; black stone pipe, seven and a half inches long, handsomely carved, from the same locality; small red pipe-stone pipe, two and a half inches long, and a small white stone pipe; two hand-made woolen bags, by Indian women, with wild rice; Indian deer call, made of wood, seven and a half inches long; iron pointed war spear and scabbard of bead work, taken from the owner by the man who killed him, and six Indian arrows, iron pointed and plumed, articles collected by Rev. Cutting Marsh, a pioneer Congregational minister of Wisconsin, and presented by his daughter, Miss S. E. Marsh; a stone buffalo skinner, from Vermillion river, Dakota, from Hon. F. A. Flower; small sampler, made by an Indian girl fifteen years old, and a larger one made at Maumee Indian station, Ohio, in April, 1830, by Maria Cartwright, an Indian half-breed girl, from Miss S. E. Marsh; a bill of C. Bresette, an Indian blacksmith at Bayfield, Wis., against Col. J. H. Knight, September, 1881, made out in hieroglyphic language, from Col. J. H. Knight.

Maps and Atlases.—Lapham's map of Wisconsin on rollers, 1846; Taylor's map of Wisconsin land district, on rollers,

1838; map of Helena, Wis., no date; Nicollet's map of Upper Mississippi country, 1843; Dahl's map of Chippewa county, Wis., cloth, 1873; Temple's map of Mineral Point, Wis., cloth, 1855; early territorial map of Wisconsin on rollers, no date; Chandler's map of Wisconsin lead mines, rollers, 1829; Hathaway's map of Wisconsin, on rollers, 1837; map of Plymouth, Iowa county, Wis., on rollers, no date; and U. S. map of Texas, etc., on rollers, 1844, from Hon. Cyrus Woodman of Cambridge, Mass.; railroad and sectional map of Iowa, on rollers, 1886, from Warner & Foote, Minneapolis, Minn.; a set of seventeen Kentucky geological maps, in sheet form, from Prof. John R. Proctor, director of the survey; large map of the seat of the Black Hawk war, 1832, in India ink, prepared by R. G. Thwaites, and presented by him.

Miscellaneous.—Copy of proceedings of the bar of Crawford county, Wis., August 11, 1851, on the death of Hon. Daniel G. Fenton, member of the second constitutional convention, printed on silk, and neatly framed, from Mrs. D. G. Fenton; two brass candlesticks, formerly used by Gen. Nicholas Herkimer, who died of wounds received at the battle of Oriskany, N. Y., 1777, from Mrs. Jerome Devoe, of Madison, Wis., a descendant of Gen. Herkimer; Pennsylvania Gazette, July 10, 1776, containing the Declaration of Independence, from L. C. Draper; American Mercury, Hartford, Ct., October 24, 1791, taken from the office of the Vicksburg Whig, July 6, 1863, by Mrs. Francis Fuller, from Dr. J. D. Butler; twelve electrotypes and wood cuts, illustrative of Winnebago county, Wis., history in 1855, engraved for and published in Mitchell & Osborn's history of that county in 1856, from Hon. Joseph H. Osborn, of Oshkosh, Wis.; large lithographic sheet of portraits of editors of newspapers, in the larger cities of the United States, 1885, from R. G. Thwaites; sword, deposited by Salmon Brown, of Kilbourne City, Wis., supposed to have been carried by Capt. John Brown, who died at New York City in the Revolutionary war, —he was the grandfather of John Brown of Harper's Ferry fame; iron cow strap, from Norway, reputed to be 100 years old, from Mrs. F. A. Buckman, Stoughton, Wis.

Unbound Serials.—Edinburgh Review, 19 numbers; 23

numbers London Quarterly, 15 numbers Westminster Review, 19 numbers of Popular Science Review, 36 numbers Macmillan's Magazine, 23 numbers Eclectic Magazine, 14 numbers Harper's Magazine, 16 numbers Catholic World, 25 numbers Overland Monthly, 18 numbers Atlantic Monthly, 14 numbers Century Magazine, 138 numbers Science, 22 numbers Fortnightly Magazine, 37 numbers Nineteenth Century, 28 numbers Blackwood's Magazine, 16 numbers Van Nostrand's Magazine, 35 numbers The Radical, 50 numbers American Journal of Science, 537 numbers Scientific American, 10 numbers Biblical Repository—purchased; New York Independent, newspaper, July 26, 1883–July 13, 1885; Christian Intelligencer, July 13, 1882–July 8, 1886; Unitarian Review, 1874–78, incomplete, from Rev. J. H. Crooker, and 160 numbers magazines and reviews, and New York Independent, 1868–72 and 1882–84, nearly complete, from Yale College library.

Contributions for Exchanges.—One hundred copies volume VI., transactions of the Wisconsin Academy of Science; 100 Wisconsin Agricultural and Horticultural Reports for 1886; 50 Roster of Wisconsin Volunteers, volume I.; 40 Reports of State Board of Health, 1885; 25 Northern Wisconsin Agricultural and Mechanical Association Reports for 1886; 25 volumes of volume IV., Washburn Observatory publications, from the state of Wisconsin; 10 copies of Report of the Madison Board of Education, 1885, from Prof. W. H. Beach; 10 Thwaites' History of Madison Public Schools, from R. G. Thwaites; 10 Trade and Commerce of Milwaukee, 1885, from Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce; 25 University of Wisconsin Catalogues, 1885–6, and 25 for 1886–7, from President Bascom; 6 copies of Report of Commissioner of Labor Statistics, 1886, from Hon. F. A. Flower; 4 Record of Madison Literary Club, from R. G. Thwaites; and 3 copies of Transactions Wisconsin State Medical Society, 1886, from Dr. J. T. Reeve, secretary.

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Rhode Island Histor. Society.....	1	United States Life Saving Service.....	1
St. Louis Public Library.....	1	United States Naval Observatory.....	2
San Francisco Mercantile Library Association.....	1	United States Patent Office	25
Smithsonian Institution.....	2	United States Sup. Inspectors, steam vessels.....	1	2
Stevens Point (Wis.) Mechanical Exposition.....	1	Victoria Public Library, Melbourne.....	1
United States Bureau of Education.....	2	2	Virginia Historical Society	1
United States Bureau of Ethnology.....	2	1	Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station.....	1
United States Catholic Historical Society.....	2	Wisconsin Indust. School for Girls.....	1
United States Chief of Engineers.....	5	Wisconsin, State of.....	8
United States Chief of Ordnance.....	1	Wisconsin State Library..	15	21
United States Chief Signal Officer.....	1	Yale College.....	32	4
United States Civil Service Commission.....	1			

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

On motion of General Mills, the following committee was appointed by the chair to nominate officers: Hon. E. W. Keyes, Gen. Simeon Mills, Wayne Ramsay, Maj. F. W. Oakley, Prof. William F. Allen, Judge A. B. Braley, Gen. C. P. Chapman, Hon. Lyman C. Draper and Hon. S. D. Hastings. A recess was then had. Upon reassembling, General Mills took the chair.

COMPLIMENTARY TO DR. DRAPER.

Gen. David Atwood, on behalf of the committee having Dr. Draper's letter in charge, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

The importance of beginning early in the settlement of a state, the collection and preservation of historical events, cannot be overestimated. The State Historical Society, appreciating this fact, took measures soon after Wisconsin was admitted to the Union, to make sure that its history should not be lost. The result of this action is shown in the establishment of a historical collection scarcely exceeded by that of any other state, and far superior to that of most of them. This gratifying success has not been attained without diligent labor and persistent and systematic effort. That immense work has been principally directed and largely executed by Lyman C. Draper, LL. D., the corresponding secretary of the society since the first of January, 1854, in a manner that has given him a national reputation as a historian of high rank and as standing first among the managers of historical societies. His resignation of the position he has filled so long, so ably, so efficiently and so greatly to the benefit of the society and of the state, is now before the meeting for its acceptance, very much to the regret of every member and sincere friend of the association. But as its acceptance is rendered imperative by Dr. Draper, as an indication of the sense of the members of this society it is therefore

Resolved, That we learn with the sincerest regret that Lyman C. Draper, LL. D., who for thirty-three years has acted as corresponding secretary of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, has felt it his duty—in order to enable him to execute a long-cherished desire to complete some important literary work that has been already too long neglected, and that he may aid, with the benefit of his many years of experience the inducting of his successor into the duties of the secretaryship—to resign that position; that in Dr. Draper the society, at a time when most needed, secured the services of a man of ripe scholarship, of refined literary tastes, of large experience in the field of historical research, and one who was indefatigable in his action; that he has exhibited great skill and industry in his work; that his labors have proved of inestimable value to this society and the state; that the collections he has made, which now fill the rooms devoted to the uses of this association, will stand as an enduring monument to his energetic, systematic, persistent and unselfish efforts to protect and build up the interests of the noble work in charge; and that he is justly entitled to the sincere and cordial thanks not only of the members of this association, but of every citizen of Wisconsin, for his immense and successful efforts in their behalf.

Resolved, That the resignation of Dr. Draper be, and hereby is, reluctantly accepted; that his withdrawal from the position of corresponding

secretary of the society is considered a very serious loss; that it creates a vacancy that it will be difficult to fill; that in his retirement he will carry with him the kindest regards and best wishes of every member of this association, for his complete success in whatever he may undertake, and the hope that he may yet be spared many years of good health, to enjoy the rich fruits resulting from a well spent and useful life devoted unselfishly to the best interests of the public.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be spread at length upon the records of this society, and that a copy of the same be presented to Dr. Draper, and also be furnished to the press for publication.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

In behalf of the nominating committee, General Mills presented the list of officers to be found elsewhere in this pamphlet, and they were elected unanimously.

DR. DRAPER ELECTED HONORARY SECRETARY.

The following resolution, offered by the committee on Dr. Draper's resignation, was adopted:

Resolved, That the office of Honorary Secretary of this Society is hereby created, without salary, and that Hon. Lyman C. Draper, LL. D., is hereby appointed to that office, to have and to hold the same during the term of his natural life; and the office hereby created shall cease to exist, on the decease of Dr. Draper.

NEW MEMBERS

were elected as follows:

Life—Hon. Wm. E. Cramer, Milwaukee; Hon. Chas. E. Estabrook, Manitowoc; Hon. J. B. Thayer, River Falls; Simon Gratz, Philadelphia; W. C. Todd, Newburyport, Mass.; Hon. H. M. Lewis, Hon. Frank A. Flower, Frederic K. Conover, Reuben G. Thwaites, George Raymer, Hon. Robert M. La Follette, Associate Justice William P. Lyon, Miss Susan M. Williamson, Halle Steensland and Prof. Rasmus B. Anderson, Madison; John E. Burton, Geneva Lake; I. J. and J. M. Pereles, Milwaukee; Capt. N. D. Moore, Hurley.—19.

Corresponding—H. A. Rattermann, Cincinnati; Dr. Oswald Seidensticker, Philadelphia; Hon. Carl Schurz, New York; Gustav Koerner, Belleville, Ill.; Prof. Dr. H. von Holst, Freiburg, Germany; Mark Harrison, Fond du Lac; J. R. Tallmadge, Elkhart Lake; Prof. H. R. James, Philadelphia; John S. George, F. Boyd, Wm. S. Mellen and Roswell Miller, Milwaukee; Edwin At-Lee Barber, A. M., Philadelphia.—13.

Active—Hon. Alvan E. Bovay, Ripon; Harvey Durand, Fond du Lac; Matt. J. Simpelaar, Milwaukee; Hon. Lewis E. Reed, Ripon; Vernon Tich-

enor, Waukesha; Mrs. H. L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien; Ed. F. Appleby, W. A. Tracy, President T. C. Chamberlin, O. D. Brandenburg, W. H. Hughes and L. M. Fay, Madison.—12.

On motion of Professor Butler, the meeting stood adjourned.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

held a business meeting upon the conclusion of the general meeting.

Amendments to the by-laws were adopted: Providing for an Antiquarian Fund, for the purpose of making special historical investigations in this state, as recommended in the report of the executive committee.

The sum of \$250 was appropriated out of this year's Binding Fund income, to expend for much-needed binding.

The finance committee was authorized to dispose of the society's Texas land at a reasonable figure.

The salary of Miss Isabel Durrie, the second assistant librarian in charge of the catalogue department, was increased.

Gen. David Atwood, Judge Romanzo Bunn, Hon. E. W. Keyes, Maj. F. W. Oakley and Secretary Thwaites were appointed a committee to wait upon Governor Rusk and ask for additional shelving and other improvements about the library rooms.

A resolution was adopted, thanking President Rice for his munificent donation of Kingsborough's Mexican Antiquities, noticed at length in the report of the executive committee.

Congress was memorialized for the amendment of the postal laws, so that the publications of historical societies may be carried through the mails free.

Congress was also memorialized to aid in the attempt now being made to encourage the indexing by Mr. B. F. Stevens, of London, of a vast amount of manuscript material relating to American history, in the public archives of Great Britain, Holland, France, Spain and other European states, and in libraries and private collections in Europe.

The bond of the society's treasurer was increased to \$20,000.

PORTRAITS.

Oil portraits of Dr. O. M. Conover, Rev. Eleazer Williams and Prof. F. F. Lydston, the latest acquisitions to the portrait gallery, were hung upon the walls of the reading room during the meeting, and received much attention.



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